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US Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael Warren Bell worked for the “Department of Naval Intelligence” - just like Bob Lazar

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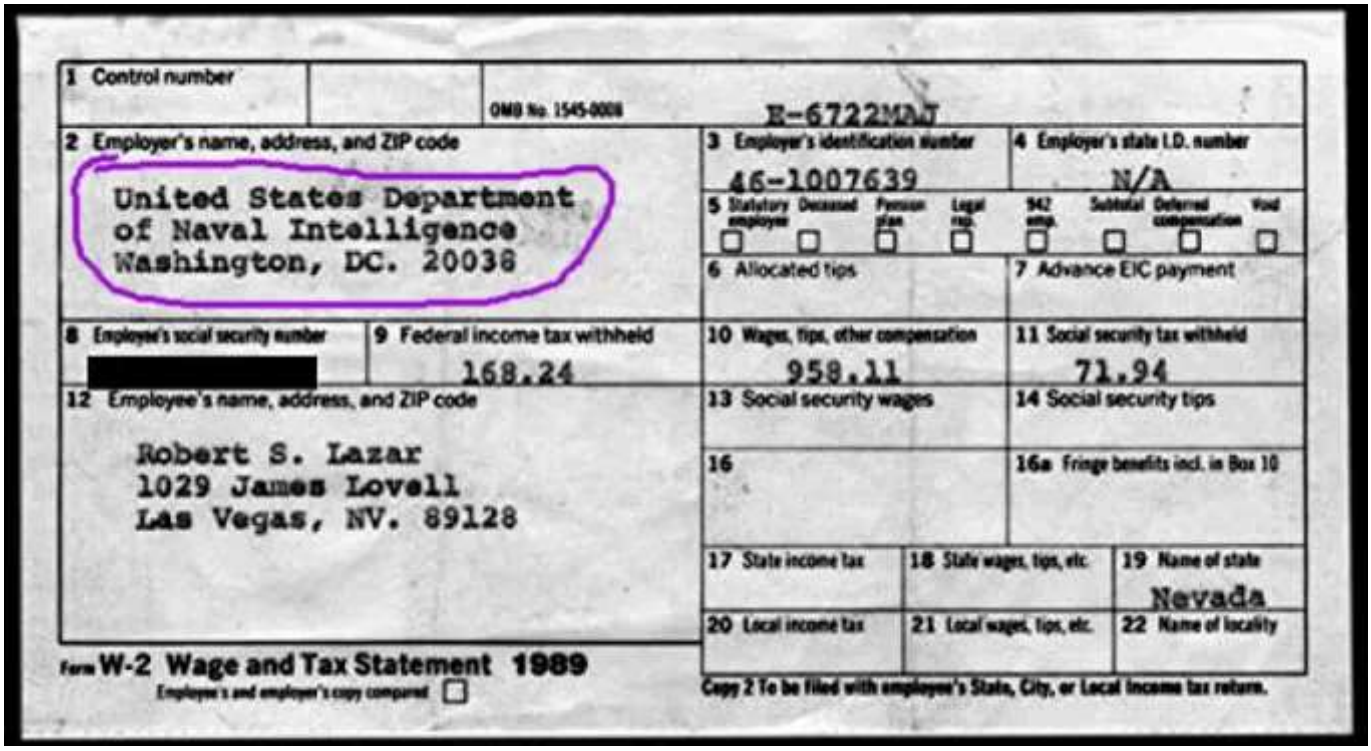
Here’s Bob Lazar’s W2 — notice the circled purple text, where it says “United States Department of Naval Intelligence”. We know this is his W2 because it was read into the court’s record in Las Vegas, NV in 1990. We also know (thanks to Dr. Eric W. Davis PhD, who has a security clearance and who gave two classified hearings to the Senate in 2019) that Bob Lazar had a “work area”, an official personnel file, and a female Area-51 supervisor.



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Robert S. Lazar
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Las Vegas, NV. 89128
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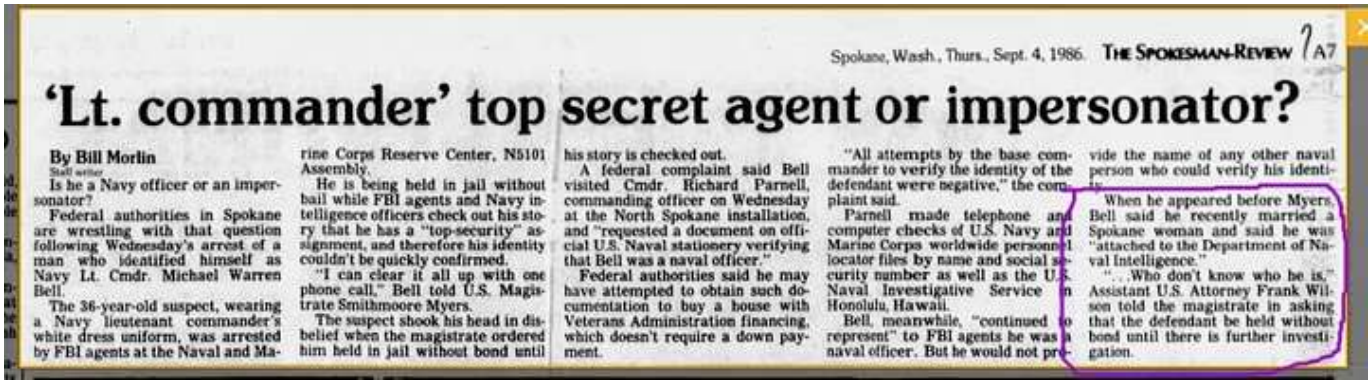
Here’s a Sept. 4, 1986 newspaper article from the Spokesman-Review (Spokane, WA). Notice it says in the circled purple text “Department of Naval Intelligence”:



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‘Lt. commander’ top secret agent or impersonator?

By Bill Morlin
Staff writer

Is he a Navy officer or an impersonator?

Federal authorities in Spokane are wrestling with that question following Wednesday’s arrest of a man who identified himself as Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael Warren Bell.

The 36-year-old suspect, wearing a Navy lieutenant commander’s white dress uniform, was arrested by FBI agents at the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, N5101 Assembly.

He is being held in jail without bail while FBI agents and Navy intelligence officers check out his story that he has a “top-security” assignment, and therefore his identity couldn’t be quickly confirmed.

“I can clear it all up with one phone call,” Bell told U.S. Magistrate Smithmoore Myers.

The suspect shook his head in disbelief when the magistrate ordered him held in jail without bond until his story is checked out.

A federal complaint said Bell visited Cmdr. Richard Parnell, commanding officer on Wednesday at the North Spokane installation, and “requested a document on official U.S. Naval stationery verifying that Bell was a naval officer.”

Federal authorities said he may have attempted to obtain such documentation to buy a house with Veterans Administration financing, which doesn’t require a down payment.

“All attempts by the base commander to verify the identity of the defendant were negative,” the complaint said.

Parnell made telephone and computer checks of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps worldwide personnel locator files by name and social security number as well as the U.S. Naval Investigative Service in Honolulu, Hawaii.

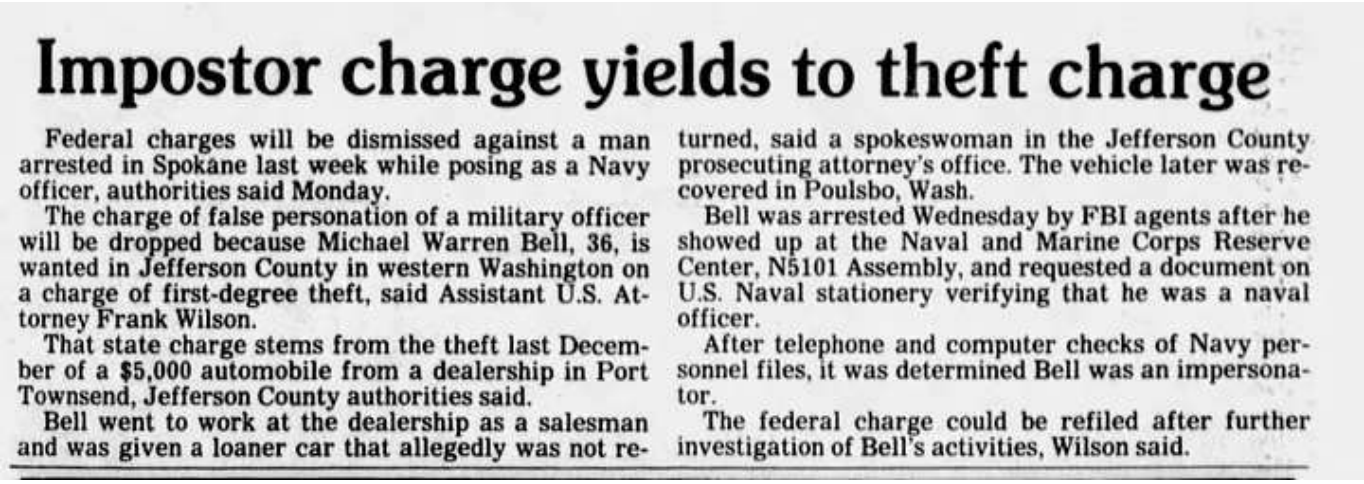
Bell, meanwhile, “continued to represent” to FBI agents he was a naval officer. But he would not provide the name of any other naval person who could verify his identity.

When he appeared before Myers, Bell said he recently married a Spokane woman and said he was “attached to the Department of Naval Intelligence.”

“. . .Who don’t know who he is,” Assistant U.S. Attorney Frank Wilson told the magistrate in asking that the defendant be held without bond until there is further investigation.

Spokesman-Review, Sept. 4, 1986

Here’s the newspaper article announcing he was acquitted and the federal charges were dropped. If he was an imposter, they would have charged him, had a trial and thrown him in federal prison. (I’ve thoroughly searched the newspaper archives and this man doesn’t appear again.) The feds don’t “yield” to a local charge or claim of theft — that’s ridiculous.



Impostor charge yields to theft charge

Federal charges will be dismissed against a man arrested in Spokane last week while posing as a Navy officer, authorities said Monday.

The charge of false personation of a military officer will be dropped because Michael Warren Bell, 36, is wanted in Jefferson County in western Washington on a charge of first-degree theft, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Frank Wilson.

That state charge stems from the theft last December of a $5,000 automobile from a dealership in Port Townsend, Jefferson County authorities said.

Bell went to work at the dealership as a salesman and was given a loaner car that allegedly was not returned, said a spokeswoman in the Jefferson County prosecuting attorney's office. The vehicle later was recovered in Poulsbo, Wash.

Bell was arrested Wednesday by FBI agents after he showed up at the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, N5101 Assembly, and requested a document on U.S. Naval stationery verifying that he was a naval officer.

After telephone and computer checks of Navy personnel files, it was determined Bell was an impersonator.

The federal charge could be refiled after further investigation of Bell's activities, Wilson said.

The Spokesman-Review Sept. 9, 1986

They realized they had made a mistake and had to cover this all up. (I strongly suspect the theft charge claim was BS.)

Here’s Lt. Cmdr. Michael Warren Bell’s photo from the newspaper archives, which was sold at historicimages.com. (I’ve ordered this photo for $9, and will scan both sides once it arrives.) Notice it says on the back of the photo “acquitted”.

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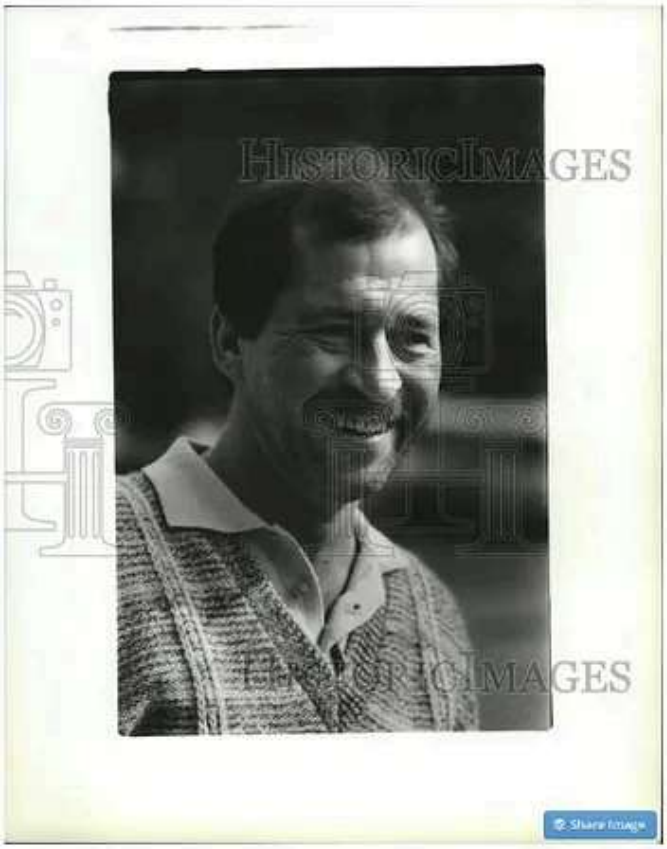

1987 Press Photo Michael Warren Bell charged with impersonating a naval officer

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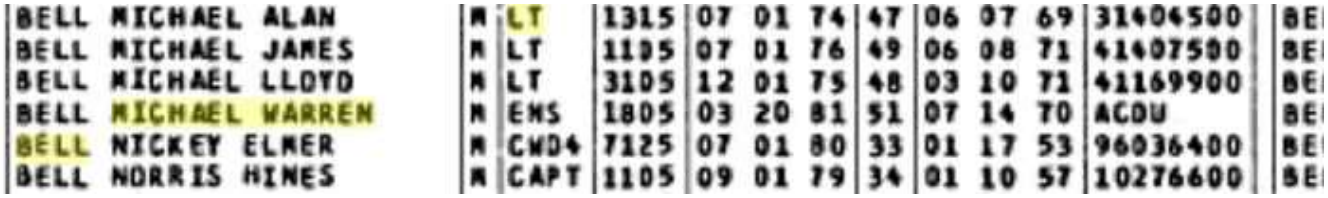
How can you be an “imposter” but acquitted (obviously not guilty) simultaneously? The definition of “acquitted”: “In common law jurisdictions, an acquittal certifies that the accused is free from the charge of an offense, as far as the criminal law is concerned.” **Obviously this man was very special to have triggered all this fuss for nothing.**

Here’s Lt. Cmdr. Michael Warren Bell’s official US Navy Registry entry (he was an Ensign in 1981):



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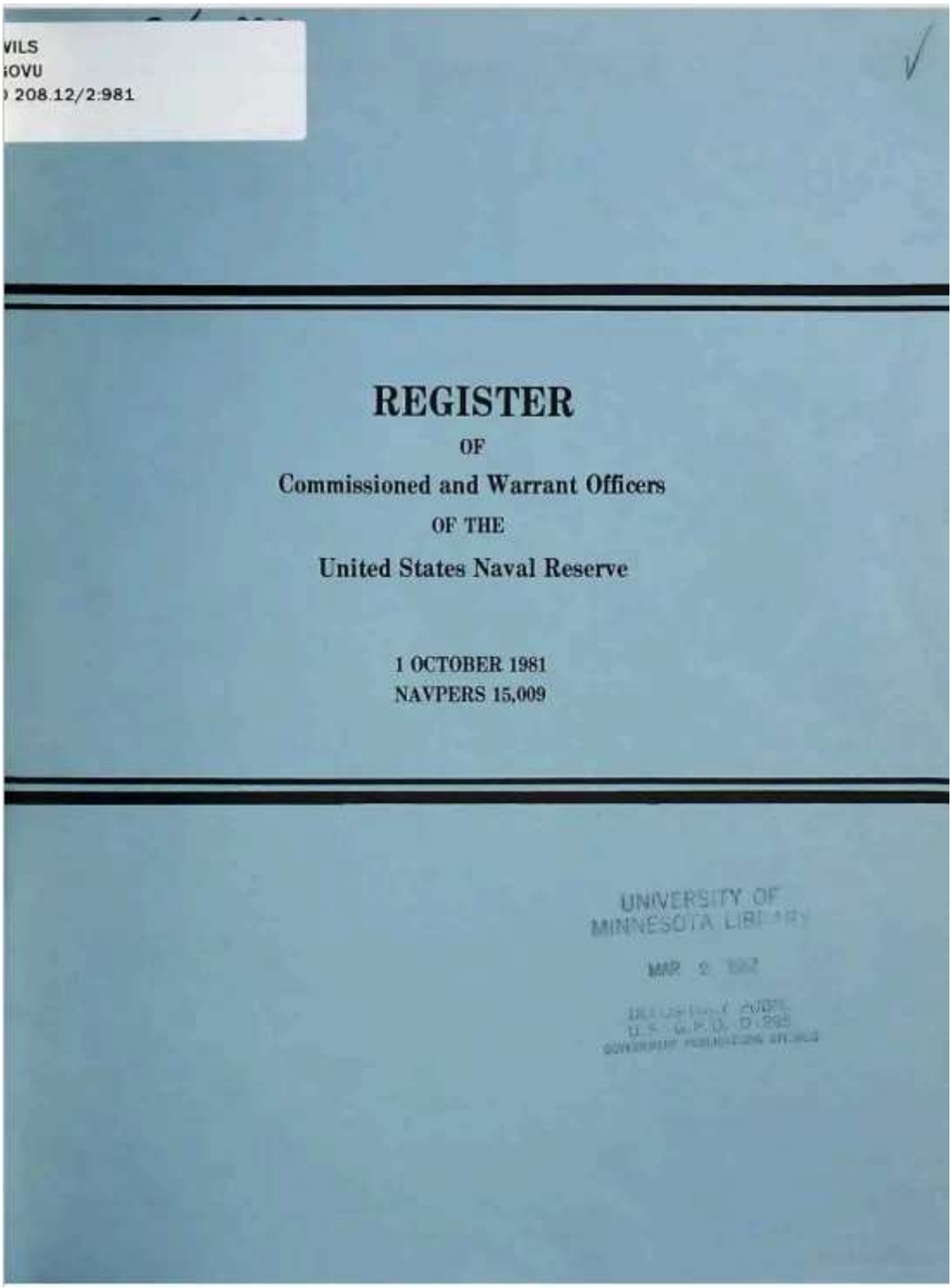
This data is from this official Register of Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the United States Naval Reserve — Oct. 1, 1981:



Here’s another official US Navy record for Michael Warren Bell, from ancestry.com:

Michael Warren Bell
in the U.S., Select Military Registers, 1862-1985
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Source
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Military Date: 20 Mar 1983
Publication Date: 1 Oct 1983
Title: Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the United States Navy and Reserve Officers on the Active-Duty List
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ex-US Navy Lt. Cmdr Michael Warren Bell and Bob Lazar **had the same employer.** Isn’t that interesting?

Does the US Navy have a “Lieutenant Commander” rank? Yes, see here.

Navy Lieutenant Commander, O-4 Junior Officer, U.S. Navy

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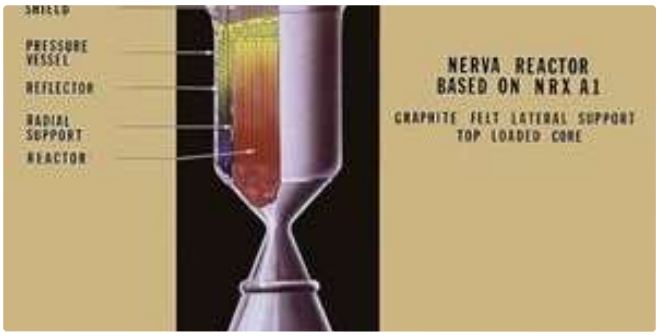

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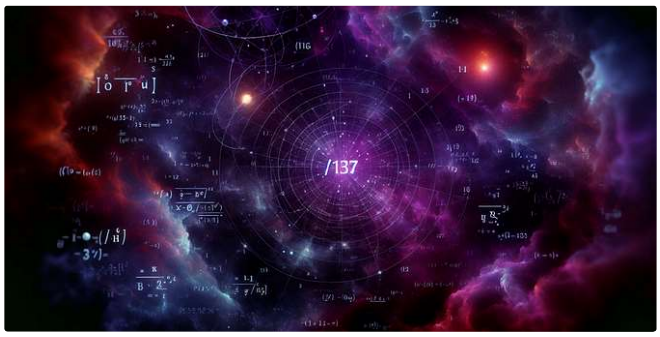

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